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TAGS: OVIP (TORRIJOS, OMAR)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF PANAMANIAN CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

REF: A. PANAMA 5516 (NOTAL) B. PANAMA 5563 (NOTAL)

1. MORNING PANAMA PRESS AUGUST 11 REVEALED THAT, IN UNANTICIPATED CHANGE IN TRAVEL PLANS REF A, TORRIJOS DEPARTED FROM PANAMA AUGUST 10 ON A PANAMANIAN AIR FORCE JET EN ROUTE TO SANTO DOMINGO. THERE, HE REPORTEDLY MET WITH DOMINICAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRESIDENT BALAGUER. THIS STOP WAS CALLED "UNEXPECTED" IN AN AP ARTICLE FILED FROM SANTO DOMINGO, AND WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED HERE IN PANAMA.

2. PRESS REPORTS STATE TORRIJOS WILL LEAVE SANTO DOMINGO EARLY AUGUST 11 ENROUTE TO NEW YORK (REF B), WHERE HE WILL CHANGE TO AIR FRANCE FLIGHT TO PARIS FOR A
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TWO-DAY STOP BEFORE PROCEEDING BY AN UNSPECIFIED ROUTE

TO COLOMBO.

3. LOCAL MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE CONSIDERABLE PLAY TO COLOMBO CONFERENCE, BUT ONLY POINT OF SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST IS REPETITION OF EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT PANAMANIAN DELEGATION IN COLOMBO CONSIDERS TREATMENT OF CANAL QUESTION IN DRAFT NON-ALIGNED POLITICAL DECLARATION INSUFFICIENT. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE FILED BY JOURNALIST MARIO VELASQUEZ, FOREIGN MINISTER BOYD AND UN PERMREP ILLUECA ARE PREPARING TO SEEK STILL-UNSPECIFIED CHANGES IN THAT DRAFT.

4. FOR COLOMBO: AP ARTICLE FROM SANTO DOMINGO ANNOUNCED THAT TORRIJOS WILL BE STAYING AT HOTEL LANKA OBEROI, WHERE BOYD AND ILLUECA ARE ACCOMMODATED. JORDEN

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